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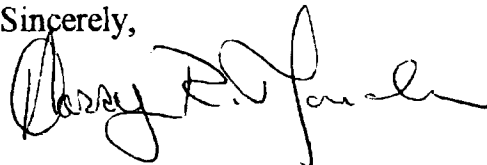
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am extremely happy to see that there has finally been a settlement between the U.S. Department of Justice and Microsoft in regards to the antitrust case. The government had no right to file suit in first place, and I only hope that the concessions Microsoft will be making will ultimately turn out to be in the best interest of the public.

The settlement certainly forces Microsoft to make ample concessions. Microsoft will need to redesign XP – and other versions of Windows – to be more accommodating to non-Microsoft products. Even end users will find it easier to configure and reconfigure their desktops, as their circumstances change. Microsoft will also have to make concessions to hardware manufacturers; regardless of what programs are put on the Windows platform, there will only be one regulated price for licensing for all hardware manufacturers.

I support Microsoft in many ways and believe that their products and services have greatly influenced all of our lives in positive ways. I sincerely hope no further legislation is brought against Microsoft and that they are allowed to focus on business – instead of politics – in the near future.

Sincerely,



Harry Plander
"Let's Roll America"